



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN & POLITICAL FINANCE

ONE ASHBURTON PLACE ROOM 411  
BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS 02108

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN  
DIRECTOR

TEL: (617) 727-8352  
(800) 482-OCPF  
FAX: (617) 727-6549

M-95-07

Issued: October 1995

Revised: October 4, 2004

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Michael J. Sullivan, *mjs*  
Director

SUBJECT: Procedure to Transfer a Candidate's Political Committee from the Municipal Level to the State Level

---

Massachusetts General Law chapter 55, section 5 states in part: "The statement of a political committee organized on behalf of a candidate shall also include the written consent of said candidate. No candidate shall give his consent to more than one such committee." (emphasis added).

Therefore, if you are a candidate whose political committee is currently filing with a city or town clerk or election commission, and you wish to seek state or county elective office, you must:

1. File with OCPF Form CPF P101 (Change of Purpose of a Political Committee) to indicate which office you are now seeking. A copy of this form must be filed with your local election official (your city or town clerk or election commission).
2. File with OCPF a copy of your original Form CPF M101 (Statement of Organization Candidate's Committee) currently on file with your local election official. If your political committee has a new treasurer, a Form CPF T 101 (Change of Treasurer) must also be filed with OCPF, with a copy filed with your local election official.
3. File with OCPF a copy of your last CPF M102 (Campaign Finance Report) submitted to your local election official. The next filing with OCPF will report activity from the day following the ending date of such report.

See 970 CMR 1.12.



If at the time of transfer your political committee still shows a cash balance or any outstanding liabilities, you will be required to provide copies of the subsequent campaign finance reports you file with OCPF to your local election official. You must continue to file these copies until the liabilities you indicated at the time of transfer have been satisfied and/or cash balance shown at the time of transfer has been exhausted.

If you continue to seek office at both the state and municipal level, your committee will have reporting requirements at both levels. OCPF should be contacted for assistance in such an instance.

If you are not initially required to appoint a depository under M.G.L. c. 55, § 19 (i.e., you are not initially a statewide, county, governor's council, mayoral or at-large city council candidate in Boston, Lowell, Springfield, Worcester or Cambridge), and you decide to seek an office which causes you to be required to appoint a depository in accordance with M.G.L. c. 55, § 19, you will become subject to depository reporting requirements on whichever of the following dates is the earliest:

- (a) on the date you file a change of purpose form;
- (b) on the date you first raise or spend money for the purposes of influencing the nomination or election for such office; or
- (c) on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the election year in which you seek election to such office.

For more information on transferring a political committee, please contact OCPF.